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SUBJECT: C-130 FLIGHT TO TROMSOE FOR SVALBARD SCIENTIF-
IC PROJECT

REF: TELECON W/BREMER ET. AL. JULY 21

1. VXE-6 RECEIVED ON JULY 21 WORD OF DIP CLEARANCE 779 IN OSLO USDAO MSG 2LL22LZ JULY. PILOT C-L30 LT. SILVERNAIL, STATES HAS NO CIVILIAN APPROACH PLATE TROMSOE. THEREFORE WILL FLY FIST INTO NATO BASE BODO, GO THROUGH CUSTOMS AND PICK UP APPROACH PLATE AND FUEL. WILL THEN FLY PROFESSOR DEEHR AND HIS CARGO TO TROMSOE, ETA VXE-6 C-L30 FLIGHT INTO BODO 260615Z JULY, ETA TROMSOE 260945Z JULY.

2. POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF STATE CALLED PRO-
FESSOR DEEHR AT FAIRBANKS JULY 21 AND LEARNED FOLLOW-
ING- DEEHR IS NOT PROCEEDING FROM TROMSOE TO NYE
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AALESUND. WILL OFFLOAD AT TROMSOE APPROXIMATELY 25 CUBIC YARDS OF GEAR INCLUDING PORTABLE HUT, SEARCHLIGHTS, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR SAFEKEEPING BY NORWEGIAN PROFESSOR KJELL HENRIKSON WHO WILL MEET PLANE. DEEHR THEN PLANS TO RETURN TO US ON VXE-6 C-L30 RETURN FLIGHT. DEEHR CURRENTLY EXPECTS TO GO TO SVALBARD WITH EQUIPMENT FROM TROMSOE IN JANUARY L979. PRECISE PLANS STILL IN-

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3. UPON LEARNING FROM POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICER OF DEEHR'S PLANS, C-L30 PILOT LT. SILVERNAIL DECIDED ON 24-HOUR CREW REST TROMSOE. REQUEST HAVEN WEBB MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR 10 AIRCREW AND PROFESSOR DEEHR TROMSOE EVENING OF 26 JULY. AIRCREW ON PER DIEM WITH AMERICAN DOLLARS. ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE VXE-6 C-130 TROMSOE IS 271045Z JULY. ARRIVE BODO FOR FUEL STOP 27LL45Z JULY. ETD BODO TO US 27L330Z JULY.

4. IN CALL TO PROFESSOR DEEHR POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICER STATED HAVEN WEBB WOULD MEET C-130 AT ARRIVAL TROMSOE AND OFFER ASSISTANCE. POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICE0 EMPHA-SIZED TO DEEHR DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING AT SOME LENGHT WITH WEBB DEEHR'S STILL UNCERTAIN JANUARY PLANS SO THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFUSION SUCH AS HAVE OCCURED OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS COULD BE AVOIDED.

5. POLAR AFFAIRS OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF STATE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GOING INTO BUSINESS AS WORLD-WIDE TRAVEL AGENT SPECIALIZING IN ERRANT PROFESSORS. VANCE

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